



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MAGI FROM THE EAST ARRIVED IN JERUSALEM, SAYING,  
“WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING OF THE JEWS?  
WE SAW HIS STAR AT ITS RISING  
AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE.”

MATTHEW 2:1-2



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In Matthew's Gospel today we see two extremely different perspectives, two different reasons for searching for Jesus. In some ways, this resembles the polarization of our nation in today's time. What one group sees as good for the nation, those with opposing views think will wreck the country. The Magi were astrologers who saw a vision in the sky and were trying to find a way to follow it and discover the new king of the Jews. Herod heard about this king, and his reaction was dark and negative. He saw the birth of such a king as a threat to his power as the Roman leader of the country and wanted the Magi to pass on to him what they knew about this Christ child. Similarly, on a more personal level, we can either feel threatened or excited by changes that may come, depending on our perspective.

## GIVING HOMAGE

In our minds, it is easy to mix up bits and pieces from Luke's account of the shepherds coming to see Jesus in the stable and the story of the magi. Clearly, it has

taken the magi time to get here, and the reading speaks of them coming to the house where the star led them. Nevertheless, they "prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures . . ."

How do we do this? Do we continue looking for Jesus, even if takes a while and he is not where we expect to see him? Are we paying attention to the signs showing us the way? What gifts do we have with which to pay him homage? After seeing him, the Magi were warned in a dream not to go back the way they came. But if we have seen the Christ child, how can we go back to where we were? We must continue to respond to God's call to move forward and grow in our lives. We must seek the right and just path and turn away from the "Herods" and inherent evils in our life.

Today's Readings: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

### Parish Staff

**Rev. Greg Korenek, Pastor**

Sr. Valerie Janecka, IWBS - Parish Secretary

Janet Weaver, Bookkeeper

Martha Nichols, PCL/Safe Environment Coordinator

Tammy Fikac, PCL

Thomas Santos & Tracie Tibiletti, Music Ministry

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Before daily Mass

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

### CHOIR PRACTICE:

Wednesday Evening

### NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at [www.lourdesvictoria.org](http://www.lourdesvictoria.org)

or email: [ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org](mailto:ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org)

# MASSSES for the WEEK



## SUNDAY - January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am - Kenneth Fikac & Anthony Fikac †  
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

## MONDAY - January 4

8:00 am - Daniel N. Jalufka †

## TUESDAY - January 5

8:00 am - Santos & Emilio Ortiz †

## WEDNESDAY - January 6

8:00 am - Buddy & Hazel Waida †

## THURSDAY - January 7

8:00 am - Joe & Adella Mullino, Linda Uthoff †

## FIRST FRIDAY - January 8

8:00 am - Adolph, Evelyn & Matthew Spann †

## FIRST SATURDAY - January 9

8:00 am - Caroline Lee †  
4:00 pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

## SUNDAY - January 10 - Baptism of the Lord

7:30 am - Harrison Raska †  
10:00 am - Max Mayer †

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30  
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Lillian Kozielski, Patricia Pooley, Samuel William Bek, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, E. J. Bammert, Steve & Veronica Serrill, Michael Johnson, Bernita Korenek, Michael Krennek, John Correll, Cheryl Barker, Ruben & Frances Espino, Larry Vitek, Kathleen Edwards, Helen Schoener, Darren Mikulik, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez, Jo Ann Hough, James Rung, Wade Shumbera, Frank & Gloria Wearden, Marjorie Anders, Joe Lara, Dolores Kilgore, Eunice Brosch, Frank Reyes, Jr., Carly Walker, Julius Belicek, Gerald Yankey, Ann Hagel, Rachel Wiesner, Piper Eloisa Lara, Kevin Quinn, Joel Nava, Bernice Drost, Mae Jean Willemin, Katrina Marbach, Lawrence Yanta, Hailey Vasquez, Patsy Wieland

# THIS WEEK

## The EPIPHANY of the LORD

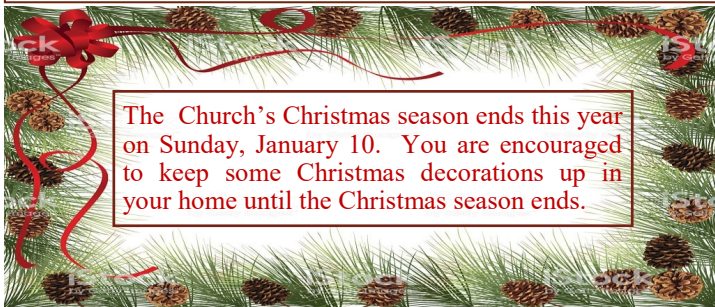
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**WEDNESDAY** - Choir Practice (6:00 pm)

**SATURDAY** - Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

## The BAPTISM of the LORD

**Collection/Envelope:** Weekly Stewardship & Initial Offering  
**2nd Collection:** Building Repairs & Maintenance  
Initial Offering



**NEXT WEEKEND - January 9/10, 2021**



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

of HOLY COMMUNION

and

LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Standby

Sun. 7:30 am - Standby

Sun. 10:00 am - Standby

Harvin Suggs

Dennis Boehm

Joe Nevlud

## ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - James Record, Suzie Ryan

Sun. 7:30 am - Standby

Sun. 10:00 am - Ross N., Joey R.

## USHERS/Door Monitors:

Sat. 4:00 pm - John Novak, Norman Schoener

Sun. 7:30 am - Kaden Fikac, Michael Fikac, Matt Warwas

Sun. 10:00 am - Kaden Fikac, Michael Fikac, Matt Warwas

## Question of the Week

The magi's encounter with Christ leads them to change the course of their journey. How is my journey changed by my encounter with the Lord?

## WEEKEND of December 19/20, 2020

Count - 250

**Total Operating Income**

**\$ 2,742.00**

**2nd Collection: Diocesan Services Appeal**

**\$ 1,435.00**

*Your Generosity is Greatly Appreciated.*



Due to the early publication deadline of this bulletin, the weekly offertory count for the WEEKEND of December 26/27, 2020, will be printed in a future bulletin.



All CCD Classes at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish are suspended during the Christmas season until January 10, 2021.



Don't forget the Candlelight March for Life on January 28, downtown Victoria- DeLeon Plaza!

## St. Joseph High School Open House for Prospective Students and Families

*It's Not Just What You Learn....It's Who You Become*

If you are considering St. Joseph High School for your son or daughter, please join us for Open House. Experience STJ with a campus tour and attend academic department presentations. Get answers to your questions about admissions, curriculum and tuition assistance.

To adhere to social distancing guidelines, an RSVP is required by January 29, to attend STJ Open House.

RSVP Online [www.stjvictoria.com/admissions/openhouse.cfm](http://www.stjvictoria.com/admissions/openhouse.cfm)


**Sunday, January 31 at 2:00 pm**  
St. Joseph High School - 110 E. Red River St.  
Visit [STJvictoria.com/admissions](http://STJvictoria.com/admissions)  
**You'll Love the Journey!**

### Looking for a Special Way to Rekindle the Spark in Your Marriage?



*Choosing to L.O.V.E. is a retreat for married couples seeking to enrich their marital commitment, by focusing on what brought their covenant into existence—their marriage vows.*

Father Gary Janak, along with several married couples, will hold this retreat for married couples at the Spiritual Renewal Center, on **February 12 - 14, 2021**. The cost for the retreat is \$275.00 per couple, which includes lodging, food and materials. We are now accepting applications for registration. Space is limited, so contact Jenny Vincent at [jvincent@olvcathedral.org](mailto:jvincent@olvcathedral.org) to ensure a spot.



**DIocese of Victoria  
MEN'S GATHERING**

**ARISE**

TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD,  
AND I WILL WALK IN YOUR TRUTH.  
PSALMS 86:11

**SATURDAY 2/20/21 IN VICTORIA**

8AM – 4:30PM



FATHER MITCH PACWA, SJ



BISHOP BRENDAN CAHILL



AUTHOR SAM MEIER

TICKETS: [WWW.VICTORIADIOCESE.ORG/ARISE](http://WWW.VICTORIADIOCESE.ORG/ARISE)

## - EVENTS ALL AROUND -

**The 10:00 am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church continues to be live-streamed on Facebook.**

- Parishioners should take their temperatures before coming to Mass and should not attend if exhibiting any signs of sickness.
- Parishioners attending Mass are asked to wear a face mask, bandana, scarf, or other covering for the mouth and nose while on church grounds.
- Please follow all civil orders: [www.VictoriaTXOEM.org](http://www.VictoriaTXOEM.org)

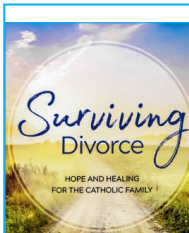
The 2021 Our Lady of Lourdes Church calendars have arrived. Each parish family is entitled to a calendar. It is our hope that you display this beautiful calendar, depicting exquisite religious art, in a very prominent space in your home. May God bless you with many happy days during the upcoming year!

### "Finding Christ in the World"

*Amor Meus Spirituality Center*, 1101 N. E. Water Street, Victoria, TX 77901, is offering "Finding Christ in the World," a 12- week Ignatian Retreat, beginning **January 6, 2021** through **March 24, 2021**.

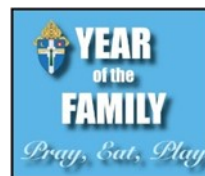
Participants will meet through **Zoom** either on **Wednesday mornings 9:30-10:30 am** or **Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 pm**. The retreat moves through 12 themes for prayer. The persons making the retreat pray at home each day with a given scripture passage and meet for one hour each week to share. Brief notes help move the retreatant into prayer.

A stipend for the entire retreat, including a workbook, is \$8.00 a week. The retreat is limited to 10 people. Register early or inquire about this retreat at (361) 485-0866 with Sr. Digna Vela, IWBS ([dignavela@gmail.com](mailto:dignavela@gmail.com)) to secure a space.



Over 12 sessions, participants will discuss such topics such as healing, learning to forgive, and how to move forward. All who have experienced divorce and separation are welcome, and sessions are kept confidential. They will be facilitated by a Catholic man and a woman who have each experienced their own divorce, in conjunction with an excellent

video series by Ascension: <https://www.victoriadiocese.org/survivingdivorce>. Dates/Times/Location: Thursdays at 7 pm, starting on January 7, 2021, at the Cathedral Center of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory in Victoria.



**January**

Fiat: Mary says Yes.

See January Family Info Sheet for fun activities!

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